

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 5, lines 4-7, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows a high-performance tyre 1 for a motor vehicle. Tyre 1 is of the asymmetrical type[; i]]. In other words, it has a tread pattern which is that appears different (i.e., asymmetric) on [[each]] one side of [[an]] equatorial plane 10 from the other side (Fig. 2).

Page 10, lines 1-3, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 4 shows a high-performance tyre 51 for a motor vehicle. Tyre 51 is of the directional type[; i]]. In other words, it has a tread pattern which is that appears different when viewed in one circumferential direction than when viewed from the other circumferential direction. Applicants note that such a directional-type tread pattern may be, for example, symmetric[[al]] about [[an]] equatorial plane 50 (Fig. 5), although the pattern on one side of the equatorial plane is shifted circumferentially relative to the pattern on the other side of the equatorial plane.

Page 21, replace the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE with the following amended paragraph. A new, separate page 21 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

A high-performance tyre for a motor vehicle includes a carcass and tread band. The tyre may be, for example, of the asymmetrical or directional type. The tread band includes a pattern including a central region, first and second shoulder regions, and first and second circumferential grooves. The first circumferential groove divides the first shoulder region from the central region, while the second circumferential groove divides the central region from the second shoulder region. The shoulder regions include shoulder blocks, separated from each other by transverse grooves, but joined to each other along axially inner ends of the shoulder blocks by respective circumferential portions. The central region includes rows of blocks and first and second annular projections or a central annular projection. The blocks of the central region, the shoulder blocks, the ~~are delimited by, separated by, and/or adjacent to the first circumferential groove, the second circumferential groove, one or more additional circumferential grooves, one or more the~~ transverse grooves, and[[/or]] the one or more annular projections help define the tread pattern.